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ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION

Zambia: draft resolution

Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 41/103 of 4 December 1986, 42/56 of 30 November 1987, 43/97 of 8 December 1988 and 44/69 of 8 December 1989,

Mindful that the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid 1/ constitutes an important international treaty in the field of human rights and serves to implement the ideals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 2/

Reaffirming its conviction that apartheid is a crime against humanity and constitutes a total negation of the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and a gross violation of human rights, seriously threatening international peace and security,

Strongly condemning the abhorrent policy and system of apartheid and the brutal repression it engenders, which continue to aggravate the situation in South Africa,

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1/ Resolution 3068 (XXVIII), annex.

2/ Resolution 217 A (III).

Emphasizing that the root cause of the conflict in southern Africa is apartheid and the racist régime's policy of aggression, State terrorism and destabilization againt the front-line and other neighbouring States,

Condemning the continued collaboration of certain States and transnational corporations with the racist régime of South Africa in the political, economic, military and other fields as an encouragement to the intensification of its odious policy of apartheid,

Underlining that ratification of or accession to the Convention on a universal basis and the implementation of its provisions without any delay are necessary for its effectiveness and therefore will contribute to the eradication of the crime of apartheid,

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid; 3/

2. Commends those States parties to the Convention that have submitted their reports under article VII thereof;

3. Appeals once again to those States that have not yet done so to ratify or to accede to the Convention without further delay, in particular those States that have jurisdiction over transnational corporations operating in South Africa and without whose co-operation such operations could not be halted;

4. Underlines the importance of the universal ratification of the Convention, which would be an effective contribution to the fulfilment of the ideals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other human rights instruments;

5. Calls upon all States whose transnational corporations continue to do business with South Africa to take appropriate steps to terminate their dealings with South Africa;

6. Requests the Commission on Human Rights to intensify, in co-operation with the Special Committee against Apartheid, its efforts to compile periodically the progressive list of individuals, organizations, institutions and representatives of States deemed responsible for crimes enumerated in article II of the Convention, as well as those against whom or which legal proceedings have been undertaken;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to circulate that list among all States parties to the Convention and all Member States and to bring such facts to the attention of the public by all means of mass communication;

3/ A/45/406.

8. Also requests the Secretary-General to invite the States parties to the Convention, the specialized agencies and non-governmental organizations to provide the Commission on Human Rights with relevant information concerning the forms of the crime of apartheid, as described in article II of the Convention, committed by transnational corporations operating in South Africa;

9. Notes the importance of measures to be taken by States parties in the field of teaching and education for fuller implementation of the Convention;

10. Appeals to all States, United Nations organs, the specialized agencies and international and national non-governmental organizations to step up their activities to enhance public awareness by denouncing the crimes committed by the racist régime with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

11. Requests the Secretary-General to intensify his efforts, through appropriate channels, to disseminate information on the Convention and its implementation with a view to promoting further ratification of or accession to the Convention;

12. Also requests the Secretary-General to include in his next annual report under General Assembly resolution 3380 (XXX) of 10 November 1975 a special section concerning the implementation of the Convention.

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QUESTION OF AGING

Austria, Dominican Republic and Malta: draft resolution

Implementation of the International Plan of Action
on Aging and related activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/67 and 44/76 of 8 December 1989, and reaffirming all of their relevant provisions, particularly those which endorsed priorities and recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council recommended in its resolution 1989/50 the convening of an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session to monitor preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging, 1/

Noting with concern that, although in its resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988 it recommended that aging should be considered a priority theme for the international development strategy for the fourth United Nations development decade and the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the resources assigned to subprogramme 7, Aging in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 2/ for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, are not

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1/ See Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July to 6 August 1982 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. 1.

sufficient to implement the programme adequately and to give it the priority recommended,

Also noting with concern that the contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging have steadily declined since 1982, thereby reducing its resource base, and that unless this trend is reversed and the Fund strengthened, many priority requests will not be met and the implementation of the Plan of Action will be weakened where it is most needed, in developing countries,

Recognizing that the elderly are an asset to society and can contribute significantly to the development process,

Mindful of the need for innovative and effective international co-operation on aging, including the transfer of know-how and financial support, if countries are to achieve self-reliance in responding to the aging of their populations,

Recognizing the complexity and rapidity of the aging of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly, including the contribution that the elderly can and should make to society,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging, 3/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;

2. Endorses the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Urges Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to participate in the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond, especially in selecting targets on aging, in organizing community-wide activities and in launching an information and fund-raising campaign to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging at the local, national and global levels;

4. Endorses the request of the Economic and Social Council to convene an ad hoc working group at the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session in 1991 to monitor preparations for the tenth anniversary, especially to launch a global information campaign, and the selection of targets that might form the basis of the third review and appraisal of the Plan of Action to be made by the Commission at its thirty-third session in 1993;

3/ A/45/420.

5. Invites Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to consider innovative and effective ways of co-operating on the selection of targets during 1991 and 1992;

6. Recommends that consideration be given to the desirability of convening, subject to the availability of funds, regional and sectoral meetings on the selection of targets on aging during 1991 and 1992 and global consultations in 1993 and 1997, to coincide with the third and fourth quadrennial reviews and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

7. Notes with appreciation the work of recent ad hoc inter-agency meetings on aging, and recommends that inter-agency meetings on aging be convened biennially;

8. Welcomes with appreciation the rapid progress made by the International Institute on Aging in Malta in establishing, in close collaboration and co-operation with the United Nations system, as well as with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, programmes that promote in a practical manner the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly through curriculum development, training courses, a global survey on training and the establishment of an information network, and requests the Secretary-General, in reporting on the question of aging to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, to inform the Assembly of the activities of the Institute;

9. Takes note with satisfaction of the plans for the establishment of training institutes on aging in Argentina, Yugoslavia and Central America and the Caribbean;

10. Welcomes global fund-raising initiatives for aging, particularly the proposed establishment in 1991 of an independent foundation on aging under the patronage of the United Nations, to be called the Banyan Foundation, the main goal of which will be to empower the elderly in all world regions to maintain maximum independence and the ability to contribute to society in the context of the Plan of Action, thus serving as a much-needed international fund-raising vehicle for aging programmes world wide;

11. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider under the priority theme of "development" of its 1992 agenda the positive contributions and specific roles of elderly women in the development of their societies;

12. Notes with appreciation the support given by the United Nations Population Fund to the Aging Unit in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and urges the Fund to maintain this commitment;

13. Notes with satisfaction the close collaboration of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, as the United Nations focal point on aging, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of aging, and encourages the Centre to continue to strengthen this collaboration;

14. Calls upon Member States, national committees, the United Nations system, non-governmental organizations and all other organizations dealing with the question of aging to assist in a global information and fund-raising campaign for the celebration of the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Plan of Action;

15. Designates 1 October as the International Day for the Elderly;

16. Urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund for Aging;

17. Also urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute human and financial resources through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat for the co-ordination and implementation of the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond;

18. Further urges the Secretary-General to increase the human and financial resources of the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enable it to fulfil its mandate as the United Nations focal point on aging;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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QUESTION OF AGING

Austria, Dominican Republic and Malta: draft resolution

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/67 and 44/76 of 8 December 1989, and reaffirming all of their relevant provisions, particularly those which endorsed priorities and recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council recommended in its resolution 1989/50 the convening of an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session to monitor preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging, 1/

Noting with concern that, although in its resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988 it recommended that aging should be considered a priority in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the resources assigned to subprogramme 7, Aging in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 2/ for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat are not sufficient to implement the programme adequately and to give it the priority recommended,

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2/ See Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 6 (A/44/6/Rev.1), vol. I.

Also noting with concern that the contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging have steadily declined since 1982, thereby reducing its resource base, and that unless this trend is reversed and the Fund strengthened, many priority requests will not be met and the implementation of the Plan of Action will be weakened where it is most needed, in developing countries,

Recognizing that the elderly are an asset to society and can contribute significantly to the development process,

Mindful of the need for innovative and effective international co-operation on aging if countries are to achieve self-reliance in responding to the aging of their populations,

Recognizing the complexity and rapidity of the aging of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly, including the contribution that the elderly can and should make to society,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging, 3/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;

2. Endorses the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Urges Member States, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to participate in the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond, especially in selecting targets on aging, in organizing community-wide activities and in launching an information and fund-raising campaign to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging at the local, national, regional and global levels;

4. Endorses the request of the Economic and Social Council to convene an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session in 1991 to monitor preparations for the tenth anniversary, especially to launch a global information campaign, and the selection of targets that might form the basis of the third review and appraisal of the Plan of Action to be made by the Commission at its thirty-third session in 1993;

5. Invites Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to consider innovative and effective ways of co-operating on the selection of targets during 1991 and 1992;

3/ A/45/420.

6. Recommends that the Commission for Social Development give consideration to the desirability of convening, subject to the availability of funds, regional and sectoral meetings on the selection of targets on aging during 1991 and 1992 and global consultations in 1993 and 1997, to coincide with the third and fourth quadrennial reviews and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

7. Notes with appreciation the work of the recent ad hoc inter-agency meetings on aging, and recommends that inter-agency meetings on aging be convened biennially;

8. Welcomes with appreciation the rapid progress made by the International Institute on Aging in Malta in establishing, in close collaboration and co-operation with the United Nations system, as well as with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, programmes that promote in a practical manner the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly through curriculum development, training courses, a global survey on training and the establishment of an information network, and requests the Secretary-General, in reporting on the question of aging to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, to inform the Assembly of the activities of the Institute;

9. Takes note with satisfaction of the plans for the establishment of training institutes on aging in Argentina and Yugoslavia and in Central America and the Caribbean;

10. Welcomes global fund-raising initiatives for aging, particularly the proposed establishment in 1991 of an independent foundation on aging under the patronage of the United Nations, to be called the Banyan Foundation, the main goal of which will be to empower the elderly in all world regions to maintain maximum independence and the ability to contribute to society in the context of the Plan of Action, thus serving as a much-needed international fund-raising vehicle for aging programmes world wide;

11. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider under the priority theme of "development" the positive contributions and specific roles of elderly women in the development of their societies;

12. Notes with appreciation the support given by the United Nations Population Fund to the Aging Unit in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat and urges the Fund to maintain this commitment;

13. Notes with satisfaction the close collaboration of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, as the United Nations focal point on aging, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of aging, and encourages the Centre to continue to strengthen this collaboration;

14. Designates 1 October as International Day for the Elderly;

15. Urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund for Aging;

16. Also urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute human and financial resources through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat for the co-ordination and implementation of the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond;

17. Further urges the Secretary-General to consider increasing the human and financial resources of the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to enable it to fulfil its mandate as the United Nations focal point on aging;

18. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

19. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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QUESTION OF AGING

Austria, Dominican Republic and Malta: revised draft resolution

Implementation of the International Plan of Action on Aging and related activities

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 44/67 and 44/76 of 8 December 1989, and reaffirming all of their relevant provisions, particularly those which endorsed priorities and recommendations made by the Economic and Social Council in its resolution 1989/50 of 24 May 1989,

Noting that the Economic and Social Council recommended in its resolution 1989/50 the convening of an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session to monitor preparatory activities for the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging, 1/

Noting with concern that, although in its resolution 43/93 of 8 December 1988 it recommended that aging should be considered a priority in the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997, the resources assigned to subprogramme 7, Aging, in the programme budget for the biennium 1990-1991 2/ for the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat are not sufficient to implement the programme adequately and to give it the priority recommended,

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Also noting with concern that the contributions to the United Nations Trust Fund for Aging have steadily declined since 1982, thereby reducing its resource base, and that unless this trend is reversed and the Fund strengthened, many priority requests will not be met and the implementation of the Plan of Action will be weakened where it is most needed, in developing countries,

Recognizing that the elderly are an asset to society and can contribute significantly to the development process,

Mindful of the need for innovative and effective international co-operation on aging if countries are to achieve self-reliance in responding to the aging of their populations,

Recognizing the complexity and rapidity of the aging of the world's population and the need to have a common basis and frame of reference for the protection and promotion of the rights of the elderly, including the contribution that the elderly can and should make to society,

Recalling the establishment at Dakar in 1989 of the African Society of Gerontology,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging, 3/

1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the question of aging;

2. Endorses the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond contained in the report of the Secretary-General;

3. Urges Member States, the organs, organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to participate in the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond, especially in selecting targets on aging, in organizing community-wide activities and in launching an information and fund-raising campaign to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the International Plan of Action on Aging at the local, national, regional and global levels;

4. Endorses the request of the Economic and Social Council to convene an ad hoc working group of the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session in 1991 to monitor preparations for the tenth anniversary, especially to launch a global information campaign, and the selection of targets that might form the basis of the third review and appraisal of the Plan of Action to be made by the Commission at its thirty-third session in 1993;

3/ A/45/420.

5. Invites Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental organizations to consider innovative and effective ways of co-operating on the selection of targets during 1991 and 1992;

6. Recommends that the Commission for Social Development give consideration to the desirability of convening, subject to the availability of funds, regional and sectoral meetings on the selection of targets on aging during 1991 and 1992 and global consultations in 1993 and 1997, to coincide with the third and fourth quadrennial reviews and appraisal of the implementation of the Plan of Action;

7. Notes with appreciation the work of the recent ad hoc inter-agency meetings on aging, and recommends that inter-agency meetings on aging be convened biennially;

8. Welcomes with appreciation the rapid progress made by the International Institute on Aging in Malta in establishing, in close collaboration and co-operation with the United Nations system, as well as with governmental and non-governmental institutions and organizations, programmes that promote in a practical manner the implementation of the Plan of Action, particularly through curriculum development, training courses, a global survey on training and the establishment of an information network, and requests the Secretary-General, in reporting on the question of aging to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session, to inform the Assembly of the activities of the Institute;

9. Takes note with satisfaction of the plans for the establishment of training institutes on aging in Argentina and Yugoslavia and in Central America and the Caribbean;

10. Requests the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat to provide, within existing resources, technical assistance to the African Society of Gerontology;

11. Welcomes global fund-raising initiatives for aging, particularly the proposed establishment in 1991 of an independent foundation on aging under the patronage of the United Nations, to be called the Banyan Foundation, the main goal of which will be to empower the elderly in all world regions to maintain maximum independence and the ability to contribute to society in the context of the Plan of Action, thus serving as a much-needed international fund-raising vehicle for aging programmes world wide;

12. Requests the Commission on the Status of Women to consider under the priority theme of "development" the positive contributions and specific roles of elderly women in the development of their societies;

13. Notes with appreciation the support given by the United Nations Population Fund to the Aging Unit in the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs and urges the Fund to maintain this commitment;

14. Notes with satisfaction the close collaboration of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs, as the United Nations focal point on aging, with intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of aging, and encourages the Centre to continue to strengthen this collaboration;

15. Designates 1 October as International Day for the Elderly;

16. Urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the Trust Fund for Aging;

17. Also urges Governments and non-governmental organizations to contribute human and financial resources through the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs for the co-ordination and implementation of the action programme on aging for 1992 and beyond;

18. Further urges the Secretary-General to consider increasing the human and financial resources of the Aging Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs to enable it to fulfil its mandate as the United Nations focal point on aging;

19. Requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

20. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of aging".

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POLICIES AND PROGRAMMES INVOLVING YOUTH

Austria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Netherlands and Romania:
draft resolution

Policies and programmes involving youth

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 32/135 of 16 December 1977 and 36/17 of 9 November 1981, by which it adopted guidelines for the improvement of the channels of communication between the United Nations and youth and youth organizations, and its other relevant resolutions,

Recalling also its resolution 40/14 entitled "International Youth Year: Participation, Development, Peace", adopted on 18 November 1985 by the General Assembly acting as the United Nations World Conference for the International Youth Year, by which the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth 1/ were endorsed, and its other relevant resolutions,

Recalling further its resolution 44/59 of 8 December 1989,

Noting that the year 1995 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year,

Recognizing that, in implementing the guidelines, priority should be given to the enjoyment by youth of human rights, including the rights to education and to work, and to the resolution of other urgent problems faced by young people in the present-day world, such as hunger, drug abuse, diseases, including acquired immunodeficiency syndrome, and the deterioration of the environment,

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1/ See A/40/256, annex.

Mindful of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, 2/ which entered into force on 2 September 1990, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action adopted by the World Summit for Children and the International Year of the Family proclaimed by the General Assembly in its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989,

1. Calls upon all States, all United Nations bodies, in particular the Economic and Social Council through the Commission for Social Development, the specialized agencies and the intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, in particular youth organizations, to continue to exert all possible efforts for the implementation of the guidelines for further planning and suitable follow-up in the field of youth;

2. Requests the Secretary-General to continue to promote and monitor, by using the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat as a focal point, the inclusion of youth-related projects and activities in the programmes of United Nations bodies and the specialized agencies, specifically on such themes as communication, health, malnutrition, poverty, housing, culture, youth employment, illiteracy, juvenile delinquency, education and leisure-time activities, drug abuse and the environment;

3. Calls upon Member States to enable young people to obtain a modern education on such subjects as environmental issues;

4. Decides to devote a plenary meeting at its fiftieth session to youth questions, as 1995 marks the fiftieth anniversary of the Charter of the United Nations and the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

5. Calls upon the United Nations Postal Administration to produce in 1995 commemorative United Nations stamps to mark the tenth anniversary of International Youth Year;

6. Emphasizes the need for a review and appraisal of the progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the implementation of the guidelines and, on the basis of the evaluation, the preparation of a global youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond, with a target orientation and within a specific time-frame;

7. Invites all Member States to consider preparing a national plan of action based on an analytical national evaluation of the situation and needs of youth;

8. Calls again upon Member States, United Nations bodies, the specialized agencies and other governmental organizations to implement fully the guidelines relating to the channels of communications adopted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 32/135 and 36/17;

2/ Resolution 44/25.

9. Requests the regional commissions of the United Nations, as appropriate, together with regional youth and youth-serving organizations, to undertake a comprehensive review of progress achieved and obstacles encountered in the region since 1985 and to propose draft regional youth programmes of action towards the year 2000 and beyond;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to prepare a draft world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond in accordance with proposals to be submitted by Member States, the United Nations and non-governmental youth organizations, and in consultation with the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system and the relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

11. Calls upon youth mechanisms that have been set up by youth and youth organizations at the national, regional and international levels to continue to act as channels of communication between the United Nations system and youth and youth organizations, and especially to contribute to the preparations for the tenth anniversary of the International Youth Year and to the formulation of a world youth programme of action towards the year 2000 and beyond;

12. Again invites Governments to include youth representatives in their national delegations to the General Assembly and other relevant United Nations meetings, thus enhancing and strengthening the channels of communication through the discussion of such issues, with a view to finding solutions to the problems confronting youth in the contemporary world;

13. Invites Governments, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations to contribute to the United Nations Youth Fund, in order to enable it to continue its mandated role and to contribute effectively to the needs of developing countries in the field of youth;

14. Decides to consider the item entitled "Policies and programmes involving youth" at its forty-sixth session on the basis of a report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the present resolution.

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Bahamas, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Romania, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela and Viet Nam: draft resolution

International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Guided by the resolve of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being, which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations between nations,

Guided also by the relevant provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 2/ and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 3/ according to which the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to the family,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

Bearing in mind the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 4/ and recalling that by its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987 it endorsed for action the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, 5/ which called for social welfare policies to give greater attention to the family,

Recalling its resolutions 42/134 of 7 December 1987 and 43/135 of 8 December 1988 on the need to enhance international co-operation in the field of the protection of and assistance to the family, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/23 of 26 May 1983, 1985/29 of 29 May 1985 and 1989/54 of 24 May 1989,

Recalling in particular its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989, by which it proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year,

Confident that the Year will offer a unique opportunity for mobilizing efforts, particularly at the local and national levels, to highlight the importance of the family, increase a better understanding of its functions and problems and strengthen national institutions to formulate, implement and monitor policies in respect of the family,

Aware that for the Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of all Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as the public are required,

Recognizing the efforts of Governments at the local and national levels in carrying out specific programmes concerning the family, in which the United Nations may have an important role to play, and in raising awareness, increasing understanding and promoting policies that improve the position and well-being of the family,

Stressing the significant role that non-governmental organizations may play in the preparation and implementation of the programme of the Year,

Taking into account its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 concerning guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

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4/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales. No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

5/ E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

1. Takes note of the note of the Secretary-General, prepared in pursuance of its resolution 44/82; 6/

2. Welcomes the designation by the Secretary-General of a Co-ordinator for the International Year of the Family and the establishment of an organizational secretariat for the Year within the Social Development Division of the United Nations Office at Vienna;

3. Invites Governments to contribute resources, including staff, to the organizational secretariat;

4. Affirms that the major activities of the observance of the Year should be concentrated at the local and national levels and assisted by the United Nations and its system of organizations, with a view to creating among Governments, policy-makers and the public a greater awareness of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society;

5. Invites all Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year and to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the Year;

6. Appeals to the Governments that have not yet done so to make their views known to the Secretary-General on the preparation for and observance of the Year in order to ensure an adequate basis for formulating the programme for the Year;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to finalize a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year and to submit it for consideration by the Commission for Social Development at its session in 1991 and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

8. Requests the Commission for Social Development to give priority consideration at its session in 1991 to the draft programme for the Year;

9. Invites all States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, such as co-ordinating committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the Year;

10. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the preparation for and observance of the Year and invites all States and interested organizations to contribute to that fund;

6/ A/45/365.

11. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue taking specific measures, through all the communication media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the area of family issues and to increase the dissemination of information on the family;

12. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the progress made in the preparation for the Year, including recommendations and comments of the preparatory and co-ordinating bodies for the Year;

13. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "International Year of the Family".

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Poland, Romania, Suriname, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela and Viet Nam: draft resolution

International Year of the Family

The General Assembly,

Guided by the resolve of the peoples of the United Nations to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom, with a view to the creation of conditions of stability and well-being, which are necessary for peaceful and friendly relations between nations,

Guided also by the relevant provisions of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1/ the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights 2/ and the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 3/ according to which the widest possible protection and assistance should be accorded to the family,

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1/ Resolution 217 A (III).

2/ See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.

3/ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

Bearing in mind the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women 4/ and recalling that by its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987 it endorsed for action the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, 5/ which called for social welfare policies to give greater attention to the family,

Welcoming the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of the Child 6/ and the successful conclusions of the World Summit for Children, in particular the adoption of the Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children and the Plan of Action,

Recalling its resolutions 42/134 of 7 December 1987 and 43/135 of 8 December 1988 on the need to enhance international co-operation in the field of the protection of and assistance to the family, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1983/23 of 26 May 1983, 1985/29 of 29 May 1985 and 1989/54 of 24 May 1989,

Recalling in particular its resolution 44/82 of 8 December 1989, by which it proclaimed 1994 as the International Year of the Family and requested the Secretary-General to prepare a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year,

Confident that the Year will offer a unique opportunity for mobilizing efforts, particularly at the local and national levels, to highlight the importance of the family, increase a better understanding of its functions and problems and strengthen national institutions to formulate, implement and monitor policies in respect of the family,

Aware that for the Year to be successful and to maximize its impact and practical efficiency, adequate preparation and the widespread support of all Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations as well as the public are required,

Recognizing the efforts of Governments at the local and national levels in carrying out specific programmes concerning the family, in which the United Nations may have an important role to play, and in raising awareness, increasing understanding and promoting policies that improve the position and well-being of the family,

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4/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales. No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

5/ E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

6/ Resolution 44/25, annex.

Stressing the significant role that non-governmental organizations may play in the preparation and implementation of the programme of the Year,

Taking into account its decision 35/424 of 5 December 1980 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1980/67 of 25 July 1980 concerning guidelines for international years and anniversaries,

1. Takes note of the note of the Secretary-General, prepared in pursuance of its resolution 44/82; 7/

2. Welcomes the designation by the Secretary-General of a Co-ordinator for the International Year of the Family and the establishment of an organizational secretariat for the Year within the Social Development Division of the United Nations Office at Vienna;

3. Invites Governments to contribute resources, including staff, to the organizational secretariat;

4. Affirms that the major activities of the observance of the Year should be concentrated at the local and national levels and assisted by the United Nations and its system of organizations, with a view to creating among Governments, policy-makers and the public a greater awareness of the family as the natural and fundamental unit of society;

5. Invites all Governments, specialized agencies, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations concerned, as well as interested national organizations, to exert all possible efforts in the preparation for and observance of the Year and to co-operate with the Secretary-General in achieving the objectives of the Year;

6. Appeals to the Governments that have not yet done so to make their views known to the Secretary-General on the preparation for and observance of the Year in order to ensure an adequate basis for formulating the programme for the Year;

7. Requests the Secretary-General to finalize a draft programme for the preparation for and observance of the Year and to submit it for consideration by the Commission for Social Development at its session in 1991 and to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

8. Requests the Commission for Social Development to give priority consideration at its session in 1991 to the draft programme for the Year;

9. Invites the Commission for Social Development to ensure that all plans, programmes and activities related to the family are in accordance with the concept of equality between women and men as expressed in the Nairobi Forward-looking

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7/ A/45/365.

Strategies for the Advancement of Women, 4/ and with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women 8/ and to ensure the incorporation of the principles relating to policies aimed at fostering equality between women and men, as outlined in the report of the Secretary-General, into the programme for the Year;

10. Requests the Commission for Social Development to inform the Commission on the Status of Women on the preparations for the Year;

11. Invites all States to take prompt action to establish national mechanisms, such as co-ordinating committees, to prepare for, observe and follow up the Year, in particular for the purpose of planning, stimulating and harmonizing the activities of the governmental and non-governmental agencies and organizations concerned with the preparation for and observance of the Year;

12. Requests the Secretary-General to establish a voluntary fund for the preparation for and observance of the Year and invites all States and interested organizations to contribute to that fund;

13. Also requests the Secretary-General to continue taking specific measures, through all the communication media at his disposal, to give widespread publicity to the activities of the United Nations system in the area of family issues and to increase the dissemination of information on the family;

14. Further requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session on the progress made in the preparation for the Year, including recommendations and comments of the preparatory and co-ordinating bodies for the Year;

15. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session an item entitled "International Year of the Family".

8/ Resolution 34/180, annex.

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INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE FAMILY

Iceland, Morocco, Norway, Philippines, Poland and Sweden:
draft resolution

Follow-up to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future; and the negative social consequences of alcohol use

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 42/125 of 7 December 1987, in which, inter alia, it endorsed the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, 1/ adopted at the Interregional Consultation on Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes,

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/49 of 24 May 1989 concerning the follow-up to the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, in which the Council requested the Secretary-General, inter alia, to carry out a study on the negative social consequences of alcohol use, based on the report of an expert meeting to be convened,

Convinced that the dangerous dimension of alcohol use requires urgent action for the implementation of a comprehensive international response, based on a common effort by all States,

1. Takes note with appreciation of the holding of the Expert Meeting on the Negative Social Consequences of Alcohol Use at Oslo from 27 to 31 August 1990,

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1/ E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

convened by the Government of Norway with the substantive support of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat;

2. Takes note of the report of the Expert Meeting 2/ and requests the Secretary-General to make the report available to the Commission for Social Development at its thirty-second session;

3. Invites Member States to submit their comments on the report of the Expert Meeting to the Commision for Social Development at its thirty-second session;

4. Requests the Commission for Social Development to report on its discussions of the report and the comments from Member Stats to the Economic and Social Council at its first regular session of 1991 with proposals for future action.

2/ A/C.3/45/3, annex.

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WORLD SOCIAL SITUATION

Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Ecuador and Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic: draft resolution

Achievement of social justice

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 42/49 of 30 November 1987 and 44/55 of 8 December 1989, as well as Economic and Social Council resolutions 1988/46 of 27 May 1988, 1989/71 of 24 May 1989 and 1990/25 of 24 May 1990,

Recalling also the pledge made by States Members of the United Nations in the Charter to take joint and separate action to promote higher standards of living, full employment and conditions of economic and social progress and development,

Recognizing that more extensive international and regional co-operation is important for promoting social progress at the national level,

Bearing in mind that, in accordance with the Declaration on Social Progress and Development, 1/ social progress and development shall be founded on respect for the dignity and value of the human person and shall ensure the promotion of human rights and social justice,

Mindful of the Guiding Principles for Developmental Social Welfare Policies and Programmes in the Near Future, 2/ the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for

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1/ Resolution 2542 (XXIV).

2/ E/CONF.80/10, chap. III.

the Advancement of Women, 3/ the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons 4/ and the International Plan of Action on Aging, 5/

Persuaded of the importance of taking measures to ensure co-ordination within the United Nations system in order to develop a comprehensive approach to developmental social welfare, including better integrated and mutually supportive economic and social development policies, aimed at the achievement of social justice,

1. Confirms that social justice is one of the most important goals of social progress;

2. Reaffirms that the common purpose of the international community must be to forge from varied economic, social and political conditions a global environment of sustained development, full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms, and social justice and peace;

3. Reaffirms the importance of co-operation among countries in promoting a climate conducive to the achievement by individual countries of the goals of development and social justice and progress;

4. Considers that such co-operation and its promotion should continue to be a major focus of activities of the United Nations, in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the United Nations;

5. Calls upon Member States, in elaborating policies in the field of social development and the social situation of all population groups, to take into consideration the importance of achieving social justice for all;

6. Recommends that the Secretary-General, in preparing studies and reports on social problems, should examine the question of social justice and ways in which it could be achieved;

7. Requests the Commission for Social Development, at its next regular session, to consider the question of achieving social justice.

3/ Report of the World Conference to Review and Appraise the Achievements of the United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development and Peace, Nairobi, 15-26 July 1985 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.85.IV.10), chap. I, sect. A.

4/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

5/ See Report of the World Assembly on Aging, Vienna, 26 July-6 August 1982 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.82.I.16), chap. VI, sect. A.

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WORLD PROGRAMME OF ACTION CONCERNING DISABLED PERSONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF DISABLED PERSONS

Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Cameroon, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Finland, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Indonesia, Italy, Jamaica, Kenya, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Norway, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Sweden, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America, Yugoslavia and Zimbabwe:

draft resolution

Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons

The General Assembly,

Recalling all its relevant resolutions, including resolution 37/52 of 3 December 1982, by which it adopted the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons, 1/ and resolution 37/53 of 3 December 1982, in which, inter alia, it proclaimed the period 1983-1992 the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons as a long-term plan of action,

Recalling also its resolution 43/98 of 8 December 1988, in which it urged Member States, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations concerned to translate into action at all levels, as appropriate, the priorities for global activities and programmes during the second half of the Decade, such as those set forth in the annex to the resolution,

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1/ A/37/351/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex, sect. VIII, recommendation 1 (IV).

Recalling further its request to the Secretary-General contained in its resolution 43/98 to conduct a feasibility study on the substantive, financial and administrative implications of alternative ways to mark the end of the Decade in 1992, which would include a review of the global progress achieved and obstacles encountered during the Decade and which would provide a mechanism for preparing the actions needed until the year 2000 and beyond,

Recalling Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/52 of 24 May 1989, in particular paragraph 9, in which the Council invited the Secretary-General, in connection with the preparation of the feasibility study, to convene an expert meeting in 1990 to advise on the best possible ways of marking the end of the Decade,

Having considered with interest and appreciation the feasibility study of the Secretary-General on alternative ways to mark the end of the Decade, 2/ which was based on the outcome of a meeting of experts convened at Järvenpää, Finland, from 7 to 11 May 1990, at the generous invitation and with the financial support of the Government of Finland,

Noting the Secretary-General's suggestion to consider the proposal for a ministerial-level world conference to mark the end of the Decade, 3/

Bearing in mind Economic and Social Council resolution 1990/26 of 24 May 1990, on the equalization of opportunities for disabled persons, in which the Council authorized the Commission for Social Development to consider, at its thirty-second session, the establishment of an ad hoc open-ended working group of government experts, funded by voluntary contributions, to elaborate standard rules on the equalization of opportunities for disabled children, youth and adults,

Noting with satisfaction that the 1980s, which coincided with the observance of the International Year of Disabled Persons and of the Decade, have been a period of world-wide sensitization and awareness-raising efforts on the rights and needs of disabled persons,

Convinced of the need to transform this awareness into action,

Noting with concern the deteriorating economic and social situations of some developing countries, which adversely affect vulnerable groups, including disabled persons,

Aware of the need for new and concerted efforts, more vigorous and broader action, as well as measures at all levels to fulfil the objectives of the Decade,

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2/ See A/45/470.

3/ Ibid., para. 14.

Expressing its appreciation for the efforts of a number of Member States during the Decade to improve the conditions and well-being of disabled persons and the willingness of those States to involve disabled persons and their organizations in all matters of concern to them,

Aware of the problem arising in some countries in relation to the translation of the terms "impairment", "disability", "handicap" and "disabled person" used in the World Programme of Action,

Noting with gratitude the generous support to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons provided by some Governments through voluntary contributions,

Aware of the important role national committees are playing in furthering the implementation of the World Programme of Action,

Encouraged by the emergence of organizations of disabled persons in some parts of the world and their positive influence on the image and condition of persons with disabilities,

Recognizing the Rehabilitation International Congress, the World Congress of Disabled People's International, the World Congress Blind Union, Independence '92 and other such important events in 1992 as important activities helping to mark the end of the Decade,

Noting the important contribution being made by other non-governmental organizations in improving the status of persons with disabilities,

Desirous of encouraging the continued and practical implementation of the World Programme of Action beyond the Decade,

1. Stresses the need to implement the issues set out in the agenda for action until the end of the Decade 4/ and the preliminary outline of a long-term strategy to the year 2000 and beyond: a society for all, 5/ contained in the feasibility study on alternative ways to mark the end of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons;

2. Invites Member States, specialized agencies and other organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations to implement the agenda for action and the preliminary outline and to use them as guidelines and stimuli in preparing:

(a) National, regional and international agendas for action aimed at mounting well-focused action at all levels to benefit people with disabilities in ways that are in conformity with the culture, customs, traditions, level of socio-economic development and resource constraints of each country;

4/ Ibid., chap. III.

5/ Ibid., chap. IV.

(b) Long-term strategic plans with precise targets to be reached in the field of prevention, rehabilitation and equality of opportunities by the year 2000;

3. Affirms that, in implementing the agenda for action, special attention should be given to the disabled in developing countries;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to shift the focus of the United Nations programme on disability from awareness-raising to action, with the aim of achieving a society for all by the year 2010 and of responding more appropriately to the many requests for assistance and advisory services;

5. Stresses the need, within existing resources, for priority to be given to action-oriented programmes that will renew international consensus on and elicit a sustained political commitment by Member States to the implementation of the World Programme of Action beyond the Decade and well ensure the continued improvement of the situation of disabled persons;

6. Requests the Secretary-General to assist Member States in establishing and strengthening national committees on disability issues and similar co-ordinating bodies and to promote and support the establishment of effective national organizations of disabled persons, including umbrella organizations;

7. Also requests the Secretary-General to review the translation into the official languages of the United Nations of the terms "impairment", "disability", "handicap" and "disabled persons" used in the World Programme of Action;

8. Emphasizes the need to identify specific measures to strengthen the Disabled Persons Unit of the Centre for Social Development and Humanitarian Affairs of the Secretariat, within existing resources, in order to enable it to implement the objectives of the Decade;

9. Welcomes the support already provided by some Governments to the Voluntary Fund for the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and appeals for further voluntary contributions in order to strengthen the Disabled Persons Unit and to enable it to perform its focal-point functions;

10. Reaffirms that the resources of the Voluntary Fund should be used to support catalytic and innovative activities in order to implement further the objectives of the World Programme of Action within the framework of the Decade, with priority given, as appropriate, to programme and projects of the least developed countries;

11. Invites Governments and non-governmental organizations to continue their contributions to the Voluntary Fund, and calls upon Governments and non-governmental organizations that have not yet done so to consider contributing to the Voluntary Fund so as to enable it to respond effectively to the growing demand for assistance;

12. Also invites Member States to submit updated national reports to the Secretary-General on the implementation of the agenda for action;

13. Requests the Secretary-General to report on the implementation of the present resolution to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

14. Decides to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Implementation of the World Programme of Action concerning Disabled Persons and the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons."